

Waiver Request

CC Docket No. 02-6

Applicant Name: Norwood Elementary School District 63

Entity Number: 136180

Funding Year: 2013-2014

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Applicant Name: Norwood Elementary School District 63
BEN: 136180

"Funding Year 2013 Form 471 deadline for filing missed"

**This is a request for a Waiver of the Filing Window for
Norwood Elementary School District 63**

Waiver Request:

Funding Year 2013 Form 471 filing deadline missed

Form 471 Information:

Funding Request Number(s):

FRN: 2379007

FRN: 2379029

FRN: 2379071

FRN: 2379099

FRN: 2379200

FRN: 2379234

TOTAL Dollar Amount Pre-discount Requested: \$11,804.52

TOTAL Dollar Amount with 80% discount: \$9,443.62

Service Provider Name: To be listed at end of document
Service Provider Identification Number: To be listed at end of document

Reason for Denial:

Funding Year 2013 Form 471 filing window missed.

We are unable to complete the application for form 471 because we missed the deadline.

Rationale for Request:

As a district we have qualified for erate reimbursement at 80% since 2009. We have a plan in place to continue to improve the technology infrastructure within our two buildings to bring them up-to-date and ready for the new assessment guidelines required by the State of Illinois. We inadvertently missed the form 471 deadline due to confusion within the district. We had focused our time and energy completing the erate form 470, State of IL newly required survey, and updating our technology plan. These in the past had been completed by me, but this year the duties were shared between two principals and the superintendent secretary at different locations. Each believed the other had completed the 471 form, but due to the other forms, an illness with the secretary, and State assessments also occurring during the same timeframe it was inadvertently overlooked. The superintendent secretary was diagnosed with stomach cancer and received treatment for it.

Norwood ESD 63 has student a population of nearly 51% low income and a dwindling EAV. We are continually looking for ways to help supplement the education of our students. With significant decreases in funding from the State of IL and the decrease in EAV, we are looking at a minimum \$500,000 deficit for the 2013-2014 school year. In a district with a small budget as it is, this will impact us in a very negative way. The erate reimbursement allows our district the opportunity to use the money towards technology that would have otherwise been used to pay internet and phone bills.

Past FCC Ruling

FCC-06-54 May 19, 2006

In one previous case a waiver was granted as on page 7 paragraph 13

The rest of the petitioners assert a waiver is appropriate for one of two reasons: either someone on the applicants' staff made a mistake or had a family emergency that prevented them from filing on time or the delay in the filing or receipt of the application was due to circumstances out of the applicants' control. Specifically, in the first group, some of these appeals involve applicants whose staff members inadvertently failed to file the application forms in a timely manner. 1 Another group of petitioners state that they were unable to comply with the filing deadline due to staff illness or relatives of staff members who were ill.

In another previous case a waiver was granted as on page 8 paragraph 14.

Based on the facts and circumstances of these specific cases, we find that good cause exists to waive the deadline for filing the FCC Form 471 found in section 54.507 of the Commission's rules... We nevertheless find that good cause exists to waive the deadline in these cases... Given that the violation at issue is procedural, not substantive, we find that the complete rejection of each of these applications is not warranted. Notably, at this time, there is no evidence of waste, fraud or abuse, misuse of funds, or a failure to

adhere to core program requirements. Furthermore, we find that denial of funding in these cases would inflict undue hardship on the applicants.

Form 471s and Associated FRNs with Vendors Effected:
Form 471 Funding Year 2013-2014.

FRN: 2379007: Illinois Bell Telephone Company (143001912)
FRN: 2379029: Illinois Bell Telephone Company (143001912)
FRN: 2379071: Illinois Bell Telephone Company (143001912)
FRN: 2379099: Illinois Bell Telephone Company (143001912)
FRN: 2379200: Comcast Business Communication (143003990)
FRN: 2379234: Comcast Business Communication (143003990)

This request is made on behalf of the Billed Entity for a Waiver to be granted to submit a form 471. By granting this Waiver, USAC could be directed to review Norwood Elementary School District 63's application for funding during the Funding Year 2013.

Your favorable consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.



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